THE FORME and maner of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

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The Preface.

IT is euident vnto all men, diligently reading holy Scripture, and ancient Authors, that from the Apoſtles time, there hath beene theſe orders of Miniſters in Chriſts Church, Biſhops, Prieſts and Deacons, which officers were euermore had in ſuch reuerent eſtimation, that no man by his owne priuate authority, might preſume to execute any of them, except he were firſt called, tried, examined, & knowen to haue ſuch qualities, as were requiſite for the ſame, and alſo by publicke prayer, with impoſition of hands, approued and admitted thereunto. And therfore, to the intent theſe orders ſhould be continued, & reuerently vſed and eſteemed in this Church of England, it is requiſite, that no man (not being at this preſent Biſhop, Prieſt, nor Deacon) ſhall execute any of them, except he be called, tried, examined, and admitted, according to the forme hereafter following. And none ſhall be admitted a Deacon, except he be xxj. yeeres of age at the leaſt. And euery man which is to be admitted a Prieſt, ſhall be full xxiiij. yeeres olde. And euery man which is to be conſecrated a Biſhop, ſhall be fully thirtie yeeres of age. And the Biſhop knowing, either by himſelfe, or by ſufficient teſtimonie, any perſon to be a man of vertuous conuerſation, and without crime, and after examination and triall, finding him learned in the Latine tongue, and ſufficiently inſtructed in holy Scripture, may vpon a Sunday or holy day, in the face of the Church, admit him a Deacon, in ſuch manner and forme as hereafter followeth.

THE FORME AND manner of ordering of Deacons.

FIrſt, when the day appointed by the Biſhop is come, there ſhall be an exhortation, declaring the duety and office of ſuch as come to be admitted Miniſters, how neceſſarie ſuch orders are in the Church of Chriſt, and alſo how the people ought to eſteeme them in their vocation.

After the exhortation ended, the Archdeacon, or his deputie, ſhall preſent ſuch as ſhall come to the Biſhop to be admitted, ſaying theſe wordes.

REuerend father in God, I preſent vnto you theſe perſons preſent, to be admitted Deacons.

The Biſhop.

TAke heede that the perſons whom yee preſent vnto vs, be apt and meete, for their learning and godly conuerſation, to exerciſe their miniſterie duely, to the honour of God, and edifying of his Church.

The Archdeacon ſhall anſwere.

IHaue enquired of them, and alſo examined them, and thinke them ſo to be.

And then the Biſhop ſhall ſay vnto the people.

BRethren, if there be any of you, who knoweth any impediment or notable crime, in any of theſe perſons, preſented to be ordered Deacons, for the which hee ought not to be admitted to the ſame, let him come forth in the name of God, and ſhew what the crime or impediment is.

And if any great crime or impediment be obiected, the Biſhop ſhall ſurceaſe from ordering that perſon, vntill ſuch time as the partie accuſed, ſhall trie himſelfe cleare of that crime.

Then the Biſhop, commending ſuch as ſhall be found meet to be ordered to the prayers of the Congregation, with the Clearkes and people preſent, ſhall ſay or ſing the Letanie, as followeth, with the prayers.

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God the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the Father of heauen: haue mercie vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O God the Sonne redeemer of the world: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

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O God ỹ holy Ghoſt proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercie vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

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O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinity, three perſons and one God: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinitie, three perſons and one God: haue mercy vpon vs miſerable ſinners.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our ſinnes: Spare vs good Lord, ſpare thy people whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious blood, and be not angry with vs for euer.

Spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and miſchiefe, from ſinne, from the crafts and aſſaults of the deuill, from thy wrath, and from euerlaſting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all blindneſſe of heart, from pride, vaine glory, and hypocriſie, from enuie, hatred, and malice, and all vncharitableneſſe.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From fornication, and all other deadly ſinne, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the deuill.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From lightening and tempeſt, from plague, peſtilence, & famine, from battell and murder, and from ſudden death.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all ſedition and priuie conſpiracy, from all falſe doctrine and hereſie, from hardneſſe of heart, and contempt of thy worde and commandement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By the myſterie of thy holy incarnation, by thy holy natiuitie and circumciſion, by thy baptiſme, faſting, and temptation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By thine agonie and bloodie ſweate, by thy croſſe & paſſion, by thy precious

precious death and buriall, by thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the comming of the holy ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the day of iudgement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

We sinners doe beseech thee to heare vs (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and gouerne thy holy church vniuersally in the right way.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousnesse and holinesse of life, thy seruant James, our most gracious King and gouernour.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare and loue, that hee may euermore haue affiance in thee, and euer seeke thy honour and glory.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, giuing him the victory ouer all his enemies.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserue our gracious Queene Anne, Prince Henry, and the rest of the King & Queenes Royall issue.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pastors, and ministers of the church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and liuing, they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the lords of the counsaile, and all the nobilitie, with grace, wisedom, and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keepe the magistrates, giuing them grace to execute iustice, and to maintaine trueth.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all nations, vnitie, peace, and concord.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee, to giue vs an heart to loue and dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy commandements.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

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That it may please thee to giue all thy people encrease of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring foorth the fruits of the spirit.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee, to bring vnto the way of truth, all such as haue erred, and are deceiued.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee, to strengthen such as doe stand, and to comfort, and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Sathan vnder our feete.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, helpe, and comfort, all that be in danger, necessitie, and tribulation.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserue all that trauell by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sicke persons and young children, and to shew thy pitie vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee, to defend and prouide for the fatherlesse children and widowes, and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to haue mercy vpon all men.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee, to forgiue our enemies, persecuters and slanderers, and to turne their hearts.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee, to giue and preserue to our vse the kindly fruites of the earth, so as in due time we may enioy them.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs true repentance, to forgiue vs all our sinnes, negligences and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy word.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Sonne of God, we beseech thee to heare vs.

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O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

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Our father which art in heauen, &c.
And lead vs not into temptation.
But deliuer vs from euill.
The Versicle.
O Lord deale not with vs after our sinnes.
The Answere.
Neither reward vs after our iniquities.
¶ Let vs pray.

O God mercifull Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowfull, mercifully assist our prayers, that wee make before thee in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoeuer they oppresse vs, and graciously heare vs, that those euils which the craft and subtiltie of the deuil or man worketh against vs, be brought to nought, and by the prouidence of thy goodnesse they may be dispersed, that wee thy seruants being hurt by no persecutions, may euermore giue thankes vnto thee in thy holy Church, through Iesu Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy Names sake.

O God, wee haue heard with our eares, and our fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes, and in the old time before them.
O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thine honour.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, & to the holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be, world without end. Amen.
From our enemies defend vs, O Christ.
Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.
Pitifully behold the sorrowes of our hearts.
Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.
Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers.
O Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy vpon vs.
Both now and euer vouchsafe to heare vs, O Christ.
Graciously heare vs, O Christ: Graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ.
The Versicle.
O Lord let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.
The Answere.
As we doe put our trust in thee.

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¶ Let vs pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to looke vpon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy names sake, turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued, and graunt that in all our troubles, wee may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serue thee in holinesse and pureness of liuing, to thy honour and glory: through our onely Mediatour and Aduocate Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ALmightie God, which hast giuen vs grace at this time with one accord, to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or three be gathered in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy truth, & in the world to come life euerlasting. Amen.

Then shall be sayd also this that followeth.

ALmightie God which by thy diuine prouidence, hast appointed diuers orders of ministers in the Church, and didest inspire thine holy Apostles, to chuse vnto this order of Deacons, the first martyr S. Stephen, with other: mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the like office and administration, replenish them so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy name, and profite of the congregation, through the merites of our Sauiour Iesu Christ, who liueth and raigneth with thee, and the holy Ghost, now and euer. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Communion of the day, sauing the Epistle shall be read out of Timothie, as followeth.

LIkewise must the ministers be honest, not double tongued, not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mysterie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be proued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reproue them. Euen so must their wiues be honest, not euill speakers, but sober, and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons bee the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children

chyldren well: and their owne housholdes: For they that minister wel, get themselues a good degree, and a great libertie in the faith which is in Christ Iesu.

These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but and if I tary long, that then thou maiest yet haue knowledge how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in the house of God, which is the congregatiō of the liuing God, the piller and ground of trueth. And without doubt, great is that mysterie of godlinesse, God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the spirite, was seene among the angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleeued on in the world, and receiued vp in glory.

Or els this, out of the sixt of the Actes.

THen the twelue called the multitude of the disciples together, and sayd, It is not meet that we should leaue the word of God, and serue tables. Wherefore brethren, looke yee out among you seuen men of honest report, and ful of the holy ghost and wisdome, to whom wee may commit this businesse: but wee will giue our selues continually to prayer, & to the administration of the word. And that saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and full of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Permenas, and Nicholas, a conuert of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and when they had prayed, they layd their handes on them. And the worde of God encreased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Ierusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests were obedient vnto the faith.

And before the Gospel, the Bishop sitting in a chaire, shall cause the othe of the Kings supremacie, and against the power and authoritie of all forren potentates, to be ministred vnto euery of them that are to be ordered.

The othe of the Kings Soueraignetie.

I A.B. doe vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Kings highnesse is the onely Supreme gouernor of this Realme, and of all other his highnesse Dominions and countries, aswell in all spirituall or ecclesiasticall things or causes, as temporall, and that no forraine prince, person, prelate,

prelate, ſtate or potentate, hath, or ought to haue any iuriſdiction, power, ſuperiority, preheminence, or authority eccleſiaſticall, or ſpirituall within this realme, and therefore I do vtterly renounce and forſake all forren iuriſdictions, powers, ſuperiorities, and authorities: and doe promiſe that from henceforth, I ſhall beare faith and true allegiance to the Kings highneſſe, his heires and lawfull ſucceſſours, and to my power ſhall aſſiſt and defend all iuriſdictions, priuiledges, preheminences and authorities, granted or belonging to the Kings highneſſe, his heires and ſucceſſors, or vnited and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this realme, ſo helpe me God, and the contents of this booke.

Then ſhall the Biſhop examine euery one of them that are to bee ordered, in the preſence of the people, after this maner following.

DOe you truſt that you are inwardly mooued by the holy Ghoſt to take vpon you this office and miniſtration, to ſerue God, for the promoting of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Anſwere.

I truſt ſo.

Biſhop.

Doe ye thinke that yee truely bee called according to the will of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the due order of this realme, to the miniſterie of the Church?

Anſwere.

I thinke ſo.

The Biſhop.

Doe ye vnfainedly beleeue all the Canonical Scriptures of the old and new Teſtament?

Anſwere.

I doe beleeue.

The Biſhop.

WIll you diligently read the ſame vnto the people aſſembled in the church, where you ſhall be appointed to ſerue?

Anſwere.

I will.

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The Biſhop.

IT appertaineth to the office of a Deacon in the church, where he ſhall be appointed, to aſſiſt the Prieſt in diuine ſeruice, and ſpecially when he miniſtreth the holy Communion, and to helpe him in diſtribution thereof, and to reade holy Scriptures and Homilies in the congregation, and to inſtruct the youth in the Catechiſme, to baptiſe, and to preach, if he bee admitted thereto by the Biſhop. And furthermore, it is his office, where prouiſion is ſo made, to ſearch for the ſicke, poore, & impotent people of the Pariſh, and to intimate their eſtates, names, and places where they dwell, to the Curate, that by his exhortation they may bee relieued by the pariſh, or other conuenient almes: will you doe this gladly and willingly?

Anſwere.

I will ſo doe by the helpe of God.

The Biſhop.

WIll you applie all your diligence to frame and faſhion your owne liues, and the liues of your familie, according to the doctrine of Chriſt, and to make both your ſelues & them, as much as in you lieth, wholeſome examples of the flocke of Chriſt?

Anſwere.

I will ſo doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Biſhop.

WIll you reuerently obey your Ordinarie and other chiefe Miniſters of the church, and them to whom the gouernment and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad mind and will, their godly admonitions?

Anſwere

I will endeuour my ſelfe, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Biſhop laying his hands ſeuerally vpon the head of euery of them, ſhall ſay.

Take thou authoritie to execute the office of a Deacon in the church of God committed vnto thee: In the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghoſt. Amen.

Then ſhall the Biſhop deliuer to euery one of them the newe Teſtament, ſaying,

Take thou authoritie to reade the Goſpel in the Church of God, and to preach the ſame, if thou bee thereto ordinarily commanded.

Then one of them appointed by the Biſhop, ſhall reade the Goſpel of that day.

Then ſhall the Biſhop proceed to the Communion, & all that are ordered ſhall tarie and receiue the holy Communion the ſame day with the Biſhop.

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The Communion ended, after the laſt Collect, and immediatly before the benediction, ſhalbe ſayd this Collect following.

ALmightie God, giuer of all good things, which of thy great goodnes haſt vouchſafed to accept and take theſe thy ſeruants vnto the office of Deacons in thy Church: make them we beſeech thee (O Lord) to be modeſt, humble, and conſtant in their miniſtration, to haue a ready will to obſerue all ſpirituall diſcipline, that they hauing alwayes the teſtimonie of a good conſcience, and continuing euer ſtable and ſtrong in thy Sonne Chriſt, may ſo well vſe themſelues in this inferior office, that they may be found worthy to be called vnto the higher miniſteries in thy Church, through the ſame thy ſonne our Sauiour Chriſt, to whom be glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

And here it muſt be ſhewed vnto the Deacon, that hee muſt continue in that office of a Deacon, the ſpace of a whole yeere at the leaſt (except for reaſonable cauſes it be otherwiſe ſeene to his Ordinarie) to the intent he may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Eccleſiaſticall adminiſtration: in executing whereof, if he bee found faithfull and diligent, hee may be admitted by his Dioceſan, to the order of Prieſthood.

The forme of ordering of Prieſtes.

When the exhortation is ended, then ſhall follow the Communion. And for the Epiſtle, ſhall be read out of the twenty chapter of the Acts of the Apoſtles, as followeth.

FRom Mileto Paul ſent meſſengers to Epheſus, and called the Elders of the congregation: which when they were come to him, he ſaid vnto them, Ye know, that from the firſt day that I came into Aſia, after what maner I haue bene with you at all ſeaſons, ſeruing the Lord with all humbleneſſe of minde, and with many teares and temptations, which happened vnto me by the layings awaite of the Iewes, becauſe I would keepe backe nothing that was profitable vnto you, but to ſhew you, & teach you openly throughout euery houſe, witneſſing both to the Iewes, and alſo to the Greekes, the repentance that is toward GOD, and the faith which is toward our Lord Ieſus. And now behold, I goe bound in the ſpirit vnto Hieruſalem, not knowing Acts 20.

knowing the things that shall come on me there, but that the holy Ghost witnesseth in euery citie, saying that bandes and trouble abide me. But none of these things mooue me, neither is my life deare vnto my selfe, that I might fulfill my course with ioy, and the ministration of the worde, which I haue receiued of the Lord Iesu, to testifie the Gospel of the grace of God. And now behold, I am sure that henceforth yee all (through whome I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God) shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men: For I haue spared no labour, but haue shewed you all the counsell of God. Take heed therefore vnto your selues, and to all the flock, among whom the holy Ghost hath made you ouerseers, to rule the Congregation of God, which he hath purchased with his blood. For I am sure of this, that after my departing shall grieuous woolues enter in among you, not sparing the flocke. Moreouer, of your owne selues shall men arise, speaking peruerse things, to draw disciples after them. Therefore awake, and remember that by the space of three yeeres, I ceased not to warne euery one of you night and day, with teares.

And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the worde of his grace, which is able to build further, and to giue you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I haue desired no mans siluer, gold, or vesture: Yea, you knowe your selues, that these hands haue ministred vnto my necessities, and vnto them that were with me. I haue shewed you all things, how that so labouring, yee ought to receiue the weake, and to remember the words of the Lord Iesu, how that he sayd, It is more blessed to giue, then to receiue.

Or else this third Chapter, of the first Epistle to Timothie.

1. Tim. 3. This, when Deacons and Priests are made both in one day.

THis is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blameles, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discreete, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth well his owne house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall he care for the congregation of God? He may not be a yong scholler, least he swell and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. Hee must also haue a good report of them which are without, least hee fall into rebuke and snare of the euill speaker.

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not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedie of filthy lucre, but holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience: and let them first be proued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reproue them.

Euen so must their wiues bee honest, not euil speakers: but sober, and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children well, and their owne households: For they that minister well, get themselues a good degree, and great libertie in the faith which is in Christ Iesu. These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but and if I tary long, that then thou maiest haue yet knowledge, how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in the house of God, which is the congregation of the liuing God, the pillar & ground of trueth.

And without doubt, great is that mysterie of godlinesse: God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the spirit, was seen among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleeued on in the world, and receiued vp in glory.

After this shalbe read for the gospell, a piece of the last Chapter of Matthew, as foloweth,

IEsus came and spake vnto them, saying, All power is giuen vnto me in heauen and in earth: Goe ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the sonne, and of the holy Ghost, teaching them to obserue all things whatsoeuer I haue commanded you: and loe, I am with you alway, euen vntill the end of the world.

Or els this that followeth, out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn.

VErily, verily, I say vnto you, Hee that entreth not in by the doore into the sheepefold, but climbeth vp some other way, the same is a thiefe and a murtherer. But hee that entreth in by the doore, is the sheepheard of the sheepe: to him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and he calleth his owne sheepe by name, and leadeth them out. And when hee hath sent foorth his owne sheepe, he goeth before them, and the sheepe follow him, for they know his voyce. A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they knowe not the voyce of strangers. This prouerbe spake Iesus vnto them, but they vnderstood not what things they were which hee spake vnto them. Then saide Iesus vnto them againe, Verily, verily I say vnto you, I am the doore of the sheepe: all (euen as many as came before mee) are theeues and murderers, but the sheepe did not heare them. I

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am the doore: by me if any man enter in, he shalbe safe, & go in and out, and finde pasture. A thiefe commeth not but for to steale, kill, and to destroy. I am come, that they might haue life, and that they might haue it more abundantly. I am the good shepheard. A good shepheard giueth his life for the sheepe. An hired seruant, and hee which is not the shepheard (neither the sheepe are his owne) seeth the wolfe comming, and leaueth the sheepe, and fleeth, & the wolfe catcheth and scattereth the sheepe. The hired seruant fleeth, because he is an hired seruant, and careth not for the sheepe. I am the good shepheard, and know my sheepe, and am knowen of mine. As my father knoweth me, euen so know I also my father. And I giue my life for the sheepe. And other sheepe I haue, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shal heare my voice, and there shalbe one folde, and one shepheard.

Or else this, of the xx. Chapter of Iohn.

THe same day at night, which was the first day of ỳ Sabboths, whē the doores were shut (where the disciples were assembled together, for feare of the Iewes) came Iesus, & stood in the midst, and said vnto them, Peace be vnto you. And when he had so sayd, he shewed vnto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then sayd Iesus vnto them againe, Peace be vnto you: As my father sent me, euen so send I you also. And when he had sayd those words, he breathed on them, and sayd vnto them, Receiue ye the holy ghost. Whosoeuers sinnes ye remit, they are remitted vnto them: and whosoeuers sinnes ye retaine, they are retained.

When the Gospel is ended, then shall be said or sung.

COme holy ghost eternall God, proceeding from aboue:
Both from the Father, and the sonne, the God of peace and loue.
Visite our mindes, and into vs, thy heauenly grace inspire:
That in all trueth and godlinesse, we may haue true desire.
Thou art the very comforter, in all woe and distresse:
The heauenly gift of God most high, which no tongue can expresse.
The fountaine and the liuely spring, of ioy celestiall:
The fire so bright, the loue so cleare, and vnction spirituall.
Thou in thy gifts art manifold, whereby Christs Church doth stand:
In faithfull hearts writing thy law, the finger of Gods hand.

According

According to thy promiſe made, thou giueſt ſpeech of grace:
That through thy helpe, the praiſe of God, may ſound in euery place.
O holy Ghoſt into our wits, ſend downe thy heauenly light:
Kindle our hearts with feruent loue, to ſerue God day & night.
Strength and ſtablish all our weakneſſe, ſo feeble and ſo fraile:
That neither fleſh, the world, nor deuill, againſt vs doe preuaile.
Put backe our enemie farre from vs, and grant vs to obtaine:
Peace in our hearts, with God and man, without grudge or diſdaine.
And grant, O Lord, that thou being, our leader and our guide:
We may eſchew the ſnares of ſinne, and from thee neuer ſlide.
To vs ſuch plentie of thy grace, good Lord grant we thee pray:
That thou maieſt be our comforter, at the laſt dreadfull day.
All ſtrife and diſſention, O Lord diſſolue the bands:
And make the knots of peace and loue, throughout all Chriſtian lands.
Graunt vs, O Lord, through thee to know, the father moſt of might:
That of his deare beloued Sonne, we may attaine the light.
And that with perfect faith alſo, we may acknowledge thee:
The ſpirit of them both alway, one God in perſons three.
Laud and praiſe be to the Father, and to the Sonne equall:
And to the holy ſpirit alſo, one God coeternall.
And pray wee that the onely Sonne, vouchſafe his ſpirit to ſend:
To all that doe profeſſe his name, vnto the worlds end, Amen.

And then the Archdeacon ſhall preſent vnto the Biſhop, all them that ſhal receiue the order of Prieſthood that day, the Archdeacon, ſaying.

REuerend father in God, I preſent vnto you theſe perſons preſent, to be admitted to the order of Prieſthood.

Cum interrogatione & reſponſione, vt in ordine Diaconatus.

And then the Biſhop ſhall ſay to the people.

GOod people, theſe bee they whom wee purpoſe, God willing, to receiue this day vnto the holy office of Prieſthood: For after due examination, we find not to the contrary, but that they be lawfully called to their function and miniſterie, and that they bee

persons meete for the same: but yet if there bee any of you, which knoweth any impediment, or notable crime in any of them, for the which he ought not to bee receiued into this holy ministerie, now in the name of God declare the same.

And if any great crime or impediment be obiected.

Vt supra in Ordine Diaconatus, vsque ad finem Letaniæ, cum hac Collecta.

ALmightie God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy spirit hast appointed diuers orders of ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold these thy seruaunts, now called to the office of Priesthood, and replenish them so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word, and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glorie of thy name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merites of our Sauiour Jesus Christ, who liueth and raigneth with thee, and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall minister vnto euery one of them the oath concerning the Kings Supremacie, as it is set forth in the order of Deacons. And that done, he shall say vnto them which are appointed to receiue the said Office, as hereafter followeth.

YOu haue heard brethren, as well in your priuate examination, as in the exhortation, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and of the writings of the Apostles, of what dignitie, and of how great importance this office is (whereunto yee be called.) And now wee exhort you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to haue in remembrance, into how high a dignitie, and to how chargeable an office yee bee called, that is to say, the messengers, the watchmen, the Pastours, and the stewards of the Lord, to teach, to premonish, to feede, and prouide for the Lords family, to seeke for Christs sheepe that be dispersed abroad, and for his children which bee in the middest of this naughtie world, to be saued through Christ for euer. Haue alwayes therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge: for they be the sheepe of Christ, which hee bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serue, is his spouse and his body.

And if it shall chance the same Church, or any member therof, to take

take any hurt or hinderance, by reason of your negligence; yee know the greatnesse of the fault, and also of the horrible punishment which will ensue. Wherefore, consider with your selues the ende of your ministerie, towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ; and see that you neuer cease your labour, your care, and diligence, vntill you haue done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duetie, to bring all such as are, or shal be committed to your charge, vnto that agreement in faith, and knowledge of God, and to that ripenesse and perfectnes of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for errour in religion, or for viciousnesse in life.

Then, forasmuch as your office is both of so great excellencie, and of so great difficultie, ye see with how great care and studie ye ought to apply your selues, as well that you may shew your selues kind to that Lord who hath placed you in so high a dignitie, as also to beware that neither you your selues offend, neither be occasion that other offend. Howbeit, ye cannot haue a mind & a will thereto of your selues, for that power & abilitie is giuen of God alone. Therefore ye see how ye ought and haue need earnestly to pray for his holy spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other meanes, compasse the doing of so weightie a worke perteining to the saluation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation, taken out of the holy Scripture, and with a life agreeable vnto the same: Yee perceiue how studious ye ought to be in reading, and in learning the Scriptures, and in framing the maners, both of your selues, and of them that specially pertaine vnto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: And for this selfe same cause, ye see how ye ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and studies.

Wee haue good hope, that you haue well weighed and pondered these things with your selues, long before this time, and that you haue clearely determined, by Gods grace, to giue your selues wholy to this vocation, whereunto it hath pleased God to call you, so that (as much as lieth in you) you apply your selues wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and to this ende. And that you will continually pray for the heauenly assistance of the holy Ghost from God the Father, by the mediation of our onely mediatour and Sauiour Iesus Christ, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, yee may ware riper and stronger in your ministerie: And that yee may so endeuour your selues from time to time, to sanctifie the liues of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ: And that ye may be wholsome and godly examples and paterns, for the rest of the congregation to follow: And ẏ this present

congregation of Christ here assembled, may also vnderstand your mindes and wils in these things: and that this your promise shall more moue you to doe your duelies, ye shal answere plainly to these things, which we in the name of the congregation shall demand of you touching the same.

Doe you thinke in your heart that you bee truely called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order of this Church of England, to the ministerie of Priesthood?

Answere.

I thinke it.

The Bishop.

BE you perswaded that the holy Scriptures conteine sufficiently all doctrine required of necessitie for eternall saluation, thorow faith in Jesu Christ? And are you determined with the sayd Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing (as required of necessitie to eternall saluation) but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded, and prooued by the Scripture?

Answere.

I am so perswaded and haue so determined by Gods grace.

The Bishop.

WIll you then giue your faithfull diligence, alwayes so to minister the doctrine and Sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this realme hath receiued the same, according to the commandements of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge, with all diligence to keepe and obserue the same?

Answere.

I will so doe, by the helpe of the Lord.

The Bishop.

WIll you be ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and driue away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to Gods word, and to vse both publike & priuate monitions and exhortations, as well to the sicke, as to the whole, within your cures, as need shall require, and occasion be giuen?

Answere.

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

WIll you be diligent in prayers, and in reading of the holy Scriptures, & in such studies as helpe to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Answere.

Anſwere.

I will endeuour my ſelfe ſo to doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Biſhop.

WIll you be diligent to frame and faſhion your owne ſelues, and your families, according to the doctrine of Chriſt, and to make both your ſelues and them (as much as in you lieth) wholeſome examples and ſpectacles to the flocke of Chriſt?

Anſwere.

I will apply my ſelfe, the Lord being my helper.

The Biſhop.

WIll you maintaine and ſet forwards (as much as lyeth in you) quietneſſe, peace, and loue, among all Chriſtain people, and ſpecially among them that are, or ſhall be committed to your charge?

Anſwere.

I will ſo doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Biſhop.

WIll you reuerently obey your Ordinary, and other chiefe miniſters, vnto whom the gouernment and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad mynde and will their godly admonitions, and ſubmitting your ſelues to their godly iudgements?

Anſwere.

I will ſo doe, the Lord being my helper.

Then ſhall the Biſhop ſay.

ALmightie God, who hath giuen you this will to doe all theſe things, graunt alſo vnto you ſtrength and power to performe the ſame, that he may accompliſh his worke, which he hath begun in you, vntill the time he ſhall come at the latter day, to iudge the quicke and the dead.

After this, the Congregation ſhall bee deſired, ſecretly in their prayers, to make humble ſupplications to God for the foreſayd things: for the which prayers, there ſhall bee a certaine ſpace kept in ſilence.

That done, the Biſhop ſhall pray in this wiſe.

Let vs pray.

ALmightie God, and heauenly Father, which of thine infinite loue, and goodneſſe towards vs, haſt giuen to vs thy onely and moſt deare beloued ſonne Jeſus Chriſt, to be our redeemer, and author of euerlaſting life, who after hee had made perfect our redemption by his death, & was aſcended into heauen, ſent abroad into the world his Apoſtles, Prophets, Euangeliſts,

Doctours, and Pastours, by whose labour and ministerie, hee gathered together a great flocke in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternall praise of thy holy Name. For these so great benefits of thy eternall goodnesse, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy seruants here present, to the same office and ministerie of the saluation of mankinde, we render vnto thee most hearty thanks, we worship and praise thee, and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy Sonne, to grant vnto all vs, which either here, or elsewhere call vpon thy Name, that wee may shew our selues thankful to thee, for these and all other thy benefits, & that we may daily encrease and go forwards, in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Sonne, by thy holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shalbe appointed Ministers, thy holy Name may be alwayes glorified, and thy blessed kingdome enlarged, through the same thy Sonne our Lord Jesus Christ, which liueth and reigneth with thee, in the vnitie of the same holy Spirit, world without end, Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priestes present, shall lay their hands seurrally vpon the head of euery one that receiueth Orders: The Receiuers humbly kneeling vpon their knees, and the Bishop saying.

REceiue the holy Ghost, whose sinnes thou doest forgiue, they are forgiuen: and whose sinnes thou doest reteine, they are retained: and be thou a faithfull dispenser of the word of God, and of his holy Sacraments. In the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost, Amen.

The Bishop shall deliuer to euery one of them the Bible in his hand, saying.

TAke thou authority to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in this Congregation, where thou shalt be so appointed.

When this is done, the Congregation shall sing the Creed, and also they shall goe to the Communion, which all they that receiue Orders shall take together, and remaine in the same place where the hands were layed vpon them, vntill such time as they haue receiued the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediatly before the Benediction, shalbe said this Collect.

Most

MOſt mercifull father, we beſeech thee ſo to ſend vpon theſe thy ſeruants thy heauenly bleſſing, that they may bee clad about with all iuſtice, and that thy word ſpoken by their mouthes, may haue ſuch ſucceſſe, that it may neuer be ſpoken in vaine. Grant alſo that wee may haue grace to heare, and receiue the ſame as thy moſt holy word, and the meane of our ſaluation, that in all our words and deeds, wee may ſeeke thy glory, and the encreaſe of thy kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

And if the Orders of Deacon and Prieſthood bee giuen both vpon one day, then ſhal all things at the holy Communion be vſed, as they are appointed at the ordering of Prieſts: Sauing that for the Epiſtle, the whole third chapter of the firſt to Timothie ſhall be read, as it is ſet out before in the order of Prieſts. And immediately after the Epiſtle, the Deacons ſhall be ordered. And it ſhall ſuffice the Letanie to be ſayd once.

The forme of conſecrating

of an Archbiſhop, or Biſhop.

At the Communion.

The Epiſtle.

THis is a true ſaying, If a man deſire the office of a Biſhop, hee deſireth an honeſt worke. A Biſhop therefore muſt be blameleſſe, the husband of one wife, diligent, ſober, diſcreet, a keeper of hoſpitalitie, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch Wine, no fighter, not greedie of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetouſnes, one that ruleth wel his own houſe, one that hath children in ſubiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne houſe, how ſhall hee care for the congregation of God? He may not bee a yong ſcholler, leaſt he ſwell and fall into the iudgement of the euill ſpeaker. Hee muſt alſo haue a good report of them which are without, leaſt he fall into rebuke, and ſnare of the euill ſpeaker.

The Goſpel.

IEſus ſayd to Simon Peter, Simon Johanna, loueſt thou me more then theſe? Hee ſayd vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knoweſt that I loue thee: he ſayd to him, Feede my lambes. Hee ſayde to him againe the ſecond time, Simon Johanna, loueſt thou mee? He ſayd vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knoweſt that I loue thee: he

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sayd vnto him, Feede my sheepe. He sayd vnto him the third time, Simon Johanna, louest thou me? Peter was sory, because he said vnto him the third time, Louest thou me. And he sayd vnto him, Lord thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I loue thee. Jesus sayd vnto him, Feed my sheepe.

Or els out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn, as before in the order of Priests.

After the Gospel and Creede ended, first the elected Bishop shall be presented by two Bishops, vnto the Archbishop of that Prouince, or to some other Bishop appointed by his Commission: the Bishops that present him, saying:

MOst reuerend father in God, we present vnto you this godly and well learned man to be consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demaund the Kings mandate, for the consecration, and cause it to be read, and the Othe touching the knowledge of the Kings supremacie, shall be ministred to the person elected, as it is set out in the order of Deacons. And then shall be ministred the othe of due obedience vnto the Archbishop, as followeth.

The othe of due obedience

to the Archbishop.

IN the name of God, Amen. I. N. chosen Bishop of the church and See of N. do profesle and promise all due reuerence and obedience to the Archbishop, and to the Metropoliticall Church of N, and to their successors: so helpe me God, through Jesus Christ.

This othe shall not bee made at the consecration of an Archbishop. Then the Archbishop shal mooue the congregation present to pray, saying thus to them.

BRethren, it is written in the Gospell of S. Luke, that our Sauiour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, or euer that he did choose and send forth his twelue Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, that the Disciples which were at Antioche did fast and pray, or euer they layd hands vpon, or sent foorth Paul and Barnabas. Let vs therefore, following the example of our Sauiour Christ and his Apostles, first fall to praier, or that we admit and send foorth this person presented vnto vs, to the worke whereunto we trust the holy Ghost hath called him.

And

And then shall be said the Letanie, as afore in the order of Deacons.

And after this place, **That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, &c.** he shall say.

That it may please thee to blesse this our brother elected, and to send thy grace vpon him, that hee may duely execute the office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of thy name.

Answere.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Concluding the Letanie in the end, with this prayer.

ALmightie God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy spirit hast appointed diuers orders of ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold this thy seruant, nowe called to the worke and ministerie of a Bishop, and replenish him so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word and deed he may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy name, & profit of thy congregation, through the merits of our sauiour Jesu Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee & the holy ghost, world without end, Amen.

Then the Archbishop sitting in a chaire, shall say this to him that is to be consecrated.

BRother, forasmuch as holy scripture, and the old Canons commandeth, that we should not be hastie in laying on hands, and admitting of any person to the gouernment of the Congregation of Christ, which he hath purchased with no lesse price then the effusion of his owne blood: afore I admit you to this administration, whereunto ye are called, I will examine you in certaine articles, to the end the congregation present, may haue a triall and beare witnes how ye be minded to behaue your selfe in the Church of God.

Are you perswaded that you be truely called to this ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order of this realme?

Answere.

I am so perswaded.

The Arch-bishop.

ARe you perswaded that the holy Scriptures containe sufficiently all doctrine, required of necessitie for eternall saluation, through the faith in Jesu Christ? And are you determined

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with the same holy scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintaine nothing as required of necessitie to eternall saluation, but that you shall bee perswaded may be concluded and proued by the same?

Answere.

I am so perswaded and determined by Gods grace.

The Arch-bishop.

WIll you then faithfully exercise your selfe in the saide holy Scriptures, and call vpon God by prayer, for the true vnderstanding of the same, so as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and conuince the gaine-sayers?

Answere.

I will so doe, by the helpe of God.

The Arch-bishop.

BE you ready with all faithfull diligence, to banish and driue away all erroneous & strange doctrine contrary to Gods word, and both priuately and openly to call vpon and encourage other to the same?

Answere.

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

The Arch-bishop.

WIll you deny all vngodlinesse and worldly lustes, and liue soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, that you may shew your selfe in all things an example of good workes vnto other, that the aduersarie may be ashamed, hauing nothing to lay against you?

Answere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Arch-bishop.

WIll you maintaine and set forward (as much as shall lie in you) quietnes, peace, and loue, among all men: and such as be vnquiet, disobedient, and criminous within your Diocesse, correct and punish according to such authoritie as yee haue by Gods word, and as to you shall bee committed by the ordinance of this Realme?

Answere.

I will doe so, by the helpe of God.

The Arch-bishop.

WIll you shew your selfe gentle, and be mercifull for Christes sake to poore & needy people, and to all strangers destitute of helpe?

Answere

Anſwere.

I will ſo ſhew my ſelfe by Gods helpe.

The Archbiſhop.

ALmighty God our heauenly father, who hath giuen you a good wil to doe all theſe things: grant alſo vnto you ſtrength and power to performe the ſame, that hee accompliſhing in you the good worke which he hath begun, yee may bee found perfect, and irreprehenſible at the latter day, through Jeſu Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

Then ſhall be ſung or ſayd, Come holy Ghoſt, &c.

As it is ſet out in the order of Prieſts.

That ended, the Archbiſhop ſhall ſay.

Lord heare our prayer.

Anſwere.

And let our crie come vnto thee.

Let vs pray.

Almighty God, and moſt mercifull father, which of thine infinite goodneſſe haſt giuen thy only and moſt deare beloued ſonne Jeſus Chriſt, to be our redeemer and author of euerlaſting life, who after that hee had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was aſcended into heauen, powred downe his gifts abundantly vpon men, making ſome Apoſtles, ſome Prophets, ſome Euangeliſts, ſome Paſtours and Doctours, to the edifying and making perfect his congregation: graunt we beſeech thee, to this thy ſeruant ſuch grace, that hee may euermore be ready to ſpread abroad thy Goſpel, and glad tidings of reconcilement to God, and to vſe the authoritie giuen vnto him, not to deſtroy, but to ſaue, not to hurt, but to helpe: ſo that he, as a wiſe and faithfull ſeruant, giuing to thy family meate in due ſeaſon, may at the laſt be receiued into ioy, through Jeſu Chriſt our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghoſt, liueth and reigneth one God, world without end, Amen.

Then the Archbiſhop and Biſhops preſent, ſhall lay their handes vpon the head of the elected Biſhop, the Archbiſhop ſaying,

TAke the holy Ghoſt, and remember that thou ſtirre vp the grace of God, which is in thee, by impoſition of handes: for God hath not giuen vs the ſpirit of feare, but of power, and loue, and ſoberneſſe.

Then

Then the Archbiſhop ſhall deliuer him the Bible, ſaying.

GIue heed vnto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Thinke vpon theſe things contained in this booke. Be diligent in them, that the encreaſe comming thereby, may be manifeſt vnto all men. Take heed vnto thy ſelfe, and vnto teaching, and be diligent in doing them: for by doing this, thou ſhalt ſaue thy ſelf, and them that heare thee. Be to the flocke of Chriſt a ſheepherd, not a wolfe: feed them, deuour them not: hold vp the weake, heale the ſicke, bind together the broken, bring againe the outcaſts, ſeeke the loſt. Be ſo mercifull, that you be not too remiſſe: ſo miniſter diſcipline, that you forget not mercie, that when the chiefe ſheepheard ſhall come, ye may receiue the immarceſſible crowne of glory, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

Then the Archbiſhop ſhall proceede to the Communion, with whom the new conſecrated Biſhop with other, ſhall alſo communicate. And for the laſt Collect, immediately before the Benediction, ſhall be ſayd this prayer.

MOſt merciful father, we beſeech thee to ſend downe vpon this thy ſeruant thy heauenly bleſſing, and ſo endue him with thy holy ſpirit, that he preaching thy word, may not onely bee earneſt to reprooue, beſeech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine, but alſo may bee, to ſuch as beleeue, an wholeſome example, in word, in converſation, in loue, in faith, in chaſtitie, and puritie: that faithfully fulfilling his courſe, at the latter day hee may receiue the crowne of righteouſnes, layd vp by the Lord the righteous Iudge, who liueth and reigneth, one God with the Father and the holy Ghoſt, world without end.
Amen.